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December 2, 2002

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Ford Motor Company
Office of the General Counsel
ATTN: Shawn Norton
Parklane Towers West, Suite 300
3 Parklane Blvd.
Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

A 6206 B Ford Motor

Re:

Company

Loss Date: December 20, 2001

Our File No.: 8179,061

Dear Mr. Norton:

I am in receipt of your form letter of November 25, 2002 regarding the above-referenced claim. I am somewhat taken aback by some of the items you have requested. Frankly, I have no intentions of providing you with the originals of any documents, least of all the color photographs that I have in my possession.

Regardless, enclosed please find all of the documentation responsive to your request that I have in my possession and am disposed and permitted to disclose. Among this documentation you will find another copy of the expert report and *copies* of the original color photographs from the expert's report.

From these documents you will note several things. First, we do not know the mileage of the vehicle at the time of the fire. The odometer was severely damaged in the fire and was unreadable afterwards. Based upon the insured's representation, we are estimating the mileage at approximately 25,000 miles. Second, as I stated in my earlier correspondence, there were no after market modifications to the engine compartment. Finally, it is my understanding that Mr. Miller purchased this vehicle new.

Should you require additional information, please let me know and I will attempt to obtain it for you. Otherwise, please accept this as our final claim submission.

Hook forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Willford, Jr.

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Enclosures

# Belforest Volunteer Fire Department Fire / Incident Report

12 /20/2001	<u>2001-12-04</u>			
Date	Report Number			
General Information				
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January 7, 2002

Alktate Ins. Attn: Ms. Glynnis Goram 1141 Montlimar Dr., Ste. 1000 Mobile, AL 36609

Removed Fire Pickup Fire Treadwell Ford So. Beltline Hwy. Mobile, AL

Claim #

Gentlemen:

On January 3, 2002 I investigated the above referenced fire to determine the cause.

Mr. Miller stated he was driving the 2000 Ford long body pickup, VIN

1FTYR14V1YP photo # 1, when he saw a fire under the dash below the steering wheel. He pulled off the road and smoke and fire came out of the hood. He said the fire was burning at the wiper motor location under the hood.

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It is my opinion that a fault developed in the wind shield wiper motor which caused the

If I can be of further assistance please call me.

Sincerely

Owen S. Posey & Associates, Inc.

Owen S. Posey, PE, CFI

President

10721 Magnolis Lane, Lillian, AL 36549 Tel. 251-961-2285

Photo Sheet 1 Date Taken 1/3/02 By: Owen S. Posey

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Insured: Claim



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PHOTO#3

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PHOTO #4

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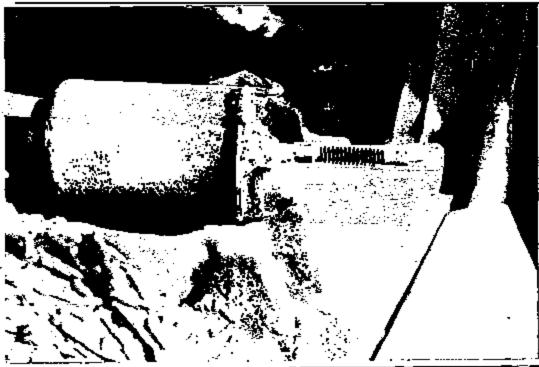
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## Fond Motor Company

Office of the General Counsel

Ford Motor Company Parktane Towers Visul Sulta 300 Three Parktane Boulevard Dearborn, Michigan 48128-2588

November 25, 2002

Webb & Eley, P.C.

168 Commerce Street, Suite 300 Montgomery, AL 36101-0238 ATTENTION: GARY WILLFORD

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Claimant:

Your File #:

8179-061

D/E:

12-20-2001

Dear Mr. Willford:

Thank you for your recently submitted letter dated November 6, 2002. In order to assist us in evaluating your claim, we request that you provide us with the following information: (Please note that the information requested is in regard to the alleged defective Ford manufactured vehicle.)

×	1. 2.	The date of incident and the city and state in which it occurred.  A complete description of the incident, including events which occurred prior
		to and subsequent to the loss.
Ø	3.	A copy of the police and/or fire report.
	4.	For each person alleged injured: full name, date of birth, home address, marital status and name of spouse, social security number, occupation, a complete description of the injuries, the names and addresses of all treating physicians, and copies of all medical bills and reports.
П	5.	The vehicle year, model, and serial number.
茵	6.	The mileage on the vehicle at the time of the incident.
	7.	Experts original color photographs of the vehicle's collision/fire damage & the alleged defective part(s), from several different angles.
	8.	Original color photographs of the inside of the vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof areas.
П	9.	Original color photographs of the accident scene showing the grade of the road.
Ħ	10.	What is the alleged defect?
	11.	Documentation to substantiate your defect allegation, including a copy of your expert's report and the expert's original color photographs.
	12.	Has the alleged defective part been repaired or replaced?
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	14.	The repair estimate, repair order, or your total loss worksheet for the vehicle's damage and any losses associated with this incident, and copies of draft payments.
Ø	15.	A complete service history for the subject vehicle, including any tune-ups or oil changes.
X	16.	List any after market additions or modifications that were made to the vehicle.

Ø	17.	We will be pleased to conduct non-destructive testing on your alleged defective part should you choose to remove the part and assembly and ship it at your own expense. Please follow the directions listed in the attached shipping instructions.
L.	18.	Lost wage verification (if applicable).
Ħ	19.	Was the parking brake fully engaged?
Ħ	20.	What gear was the vehicle in at the time of the incident?
	21.	Was the engine running?
Ħ	22	Were the keys in the ignition?
Ö	23.	Has any insurance company been advised of this incident? If so, please state the name, address, and telephone number of those insurance companies; their claim number; and the agent's name.
	24.	If an attorney has been retained by you to settle this claim, please include his/her name, telephone number, and address.
⊠:	25.	If this vehicle was purchased as used by the insured please provide: the date of purchase, mileage at the time of purchase, and from whom the vehicle was purchased.

Once we are in receipt of the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our file. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been made as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved for trial. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the vehicle and remove and test any component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(e) at the time of trial, should litigation ensue from this informal claim.

If you propose to repair the vehicle for continued usage, such repairs may not be performed until after Ford Motor Company has inspected the vehicle and removed and tested any component part you claim to be defective or advised you in writing that it does not intend to perform each inspection and/or testing at this time. But even in that event, Ford Motor Company will insist that all components claimed to be defective are maintained and preserved for triel.

Sincerely,

Shawn Norton Claims Analyst WEBB & ELEY, P.C.

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Parklane Towers West, Suite 300

3 Parklane Blvd.

Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

Re

Company
Loss Date: December 20, 2001
Our File No.: 8179.061

Dear Ms. Quintero-Salvo:

Please be advised that this office has been retained by Allstate Insurance Company to pursue its subrogation interests in the above-referenced matter. Specifically, this letter is to demand payment from you in the amount of \$18,349.55 to reimburse my client and its insured from damages incurred when a 2000 Ford Ranger caught fire and was destroyed on December 20, 2001.

As noted in the enclosed report of Owen S. Posey and Associates, Inc., the fire resulted from a fault in the wiper motor terminal connections. Given that the vehicle was only a year old, and Allstate's insured had not made any modifications to that area of the engine compartment, it is clear that the truck was defective.

Consequently, liability for this loss rests with Ford. Please forward payment in the amount of \$18,349.55 to the address contained in the letterhead. You may make your check out to "Webb & Elcy, P.C., as attorney for Allstate Insurance Company."

In the unlikely event that you are contesting liability, please contact me within fourteen (14) days of the date of this letter. I will be happy to answer your questions or provide any additional information that you may require. I look forward to bearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Willford, Jr.

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**Enclosures** 

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January 7, 2002

Allstate Ins. Attn: Ms. Glynnis Goram 1141 Montlimar Dr., Ste. 1000 Mobile, AL 36609

Pickup Fire Treadwell Ford So. Beltline Hwy. Mobile, Allers

Claim :

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Fire Report enclosed.

The fire damage to the vehicle was the total burning of the motor and cab compartments and the adjacent areas of the truck bed behind the cab, photos # 1&2. The electrical wiring showed shorting and melting at the wiper connections, photos # 3 & 4, and in the wiring harness, running forward on the driver side in front of the fire wall. The wiring harness wires were all melted at one location, about 12" from the fire wall Photos # 5 & 6. It appears these wires were melted when the gas line was burned open.

The windshield wiper motor was burned clear of all connections and combustibles

The windshield wiper motor was burned clear of all connections and combustibles leaving only the steel body and shaft, photos # 7 & 8.

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Phone 251-961-2285 L'Mail osposey@gulficl.com The fire appeared to have moved from the engine compartment through the fire wall into the cab area, where it consumed all the combustibles above the floor in the cab.

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Symptom Desc: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME: Rescon Desc: LEGAL - ALLEGED SERIOUS INJURY

Issue Type: 10 OGC Issue

Origin Desc: US CONCERN CASE BASE Action Desc: CONTACT ADVANCED TO OGC

Odometer: 1 MI Action Date: 05/18/2005

Analyst Nume: ANTHONY THOMPSON

Primary Phone:

URY Secondary Phone: 563-578-8682

Issue Status: CLOSED Dealer: BIRDNOW FORD LINCOLN-MERCURY

P & A Code: 04141

Model: F-SERIES

WSD: 1998-03-09

Action Date: No

Caller Information If Different From Vehicle Owner:

First Name

Middle Initial

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst: ATHOMP22

Action Time: 16:20:20:867

Last Name

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Relationship FAMILY

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6/23/2005		1FTRF17262N	2002 F-SERIES	10
CLOSED	LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE	1403531745		

#### All Action Details for issue

Print

VIN: 1FTRF17262

Odometer: 35807 MP

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Year: 2002

Owner Status; Original Symptom Desc: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

Reason Desc: CAC RELATED - F/M CSR FOLLOWING CONTACT lesus Type: 02 INFORMATION Issue Status: CLOSED Model: F-SERIE8 Case: 1403531745 WSD: 2002-05-30

Primary Phone: Secondary Phone:

Origin Deac: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Action: CALLBACK ADD ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Dealer: 04241 VAN BURKLEO FORD

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst Marce: MCKENZJE NORMA Action Date: 06/28/2005

Analyst: NMCKENZ4

Action Time: 09.56.08.290 Action Date: No

Comments CUSTOMER SAID: NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS HIS NEXT STEP HE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM FORD HE WAS TOLD 3 TO 5 DAYS --- HE IS IN A RECNTAL AND HIS INSURANCE COMPANY NEED THE RENTAL BACK .- HE REPAIR HIS HOUSE, HE MEED TO GET HIS MONEY BACK HE DID NOT CALIMS HOUSE INSURANCE BECAUSE IT TOO HIGH — HE SPEAK WITH THE DURSHIP BUT THEY ARE NOT HELPING, WHAT SHOULD HE DODEALER SAID: NONECRC ADVISED: PLEASE ALLOW THE REQUESTED TIME FOR THE FOLLOW UP TO OCCUR SO THAT YOUR ISSUE MAY BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED. ADVISED CUST THAT OUR LEGAL DEPT IS ADDRESSING HIS CONCERN THEY WILL CONTACT HIM ONCE THEY HAVE FINISH RESEARCH HIS CONCERN ---

#### All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTRF172825

Year: 2002

Model: F-SERIES WSD: 2002-05-30 Case: 1403531745

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Owner Status: Original

Primary Phone: Secondary Phone

Symptom Desc: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

Reason Deec: LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE

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Issue Status: CLOSED

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Origin Deed: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Action: CONTACT ADVANCED TO OGC

Dealer: 04241 VAN BUPKLEO FORD

Odometer: 35800 Mi Analyst Name: CABACUNGAN SUSAN

Action Date: 06/23/2005

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst: SCABACUN

Action Time: 11.12,32.448 Action Date: No.

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INSURANCE BUT HAS NOT BEEN PAID FOR= NOT WORKING WITH INSURANCE = INSURANCE WILL NOT PAY
UNLESS FILES CLAIM FOR THE HOME DAMAGE= CLIST IS SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL THE DAMAGES
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DEPARTMENT, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITHIN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS.



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VIN: 1FTYR14V2YH Year: 2000 Model: RANGER

Owner Status: ORIGINAL WSD: 05/18/00

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Name: Hm Ph: Trmt: Case: 524121720 Day Ph:

Symptom Desc: FIRE/SMOKE SCORCHED/BURNT

Reason Desc: RAV - FIRE UNIT

Dealer:

Issue Type: 03 CONCERN Issue Status: C CLOSED Comm Type: PH PHONE Odometer Reading: 116 MI

Analyst: FTALAN FERDINAND TALAN Document Number:

Action Date: 06/20/00 Action Data: N Action Time: 14:33:31 EST

Origin Desc: NORTH AMERICAN FLEET SERVICE Action Desc: CUST SAT REST TOOL UTILIZED - VEHICLE REFUND OFFERED

QUEST THROUGH RAV FAST.

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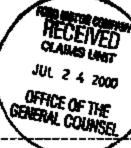
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Plaintiff,

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Ford Motor Company c/o C.T. Corporation System, Statutory Agent 1300 East 9th Street, Suite 1010 Cleveland, Ohio 44114 WAHHEN

Defendant.

# **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

## **COUNT ONE**

 The corporate Plaintiff is duly authorized to sell insurance in the state of Ohio and at all times hereinafter mentioned, had in full force and effect a policy of insurance which provided coverage on a 1999 Ford Explorer bearing Vehicle Identification Number

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- Defendant Ford Motor Company (hereinafter referred to as "Ford") is a corporation authorized to do business in the state of Ohio, or has conducted business in the state of Ohio.
- Defendant, Ford, negligently designed, manufactured, distributed, marketed and/or sold a
   1999 Ford Explorer hearing Vehicle Identification Number 1FMZU34EXXU
- 4. On or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002 in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, the "Insured" was using said 1999 Ford Explorer in a foreseeable manner when a gasoline fed fire did originate in and/or around the engine compartment, damaging the vehicle beyond the reasonable cost of repair. Said vehicle was deemed a total loss.
  - The vehicle's value preceding the incident was in the amount of \$17,753.00.
- 6. The aforementioned fire, and the ensuing loss, were direct and proximate results of Defendant, Ford's, aforementioned negligence and/or as a result of defects, either in manufacture or design, that existed in the subject vehicle at the time it left the hands of the Defendant.
- 7. Pursuant to the above mentioned policy of insurance, the corporate Plaintiff was required to and did pay to and/or on behalf of its insured the sum of \$17,753.00 and is thereby subrogated in that amount.

### COUNT TWO

### Strict Liability in Tort - Temple v. Wean United, Inc.

- Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through seven of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 9. The Defendant sold and/or leased the subject vehicle (hereinafter referred to as the "Product") and/or placed the Product into the stream of commerce in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to the Insured.
  - The Insured was the ultimate user or consumer of said Product.
  - 11. The Defendant was engaged in the business of selling the Product.
- 12. The Product was expected to and did reach the Insured without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold, leased and/or delivered.
- The Defendant is, therefore, strictly liable to Plaintiff pursuant to <u>Temple y. Wean</u>
   <u>United, Inc.</u> (1977), 50 Ohio St.2d 317.

### **COUNT THREE**

#### Nerligent Design - Common law

- 14. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through thirteen of this Complaint as if folly restated herein.
- 15. The Product was negligently designed to the extent that it was unsafe for the use for which it is intended.

#### **COUNT FOUR**

# <u>Negligent Design/Strict Liability for Defective Design - Consumer Expectation Standard - Common law</u>

- 16. Plaintiff bereby incorporates paragraphs one through fifteen of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 17. The Product design was in a defective condition because it was more dangerous than an ordinary consumer would expect when used in an intended or reasonably foresecable manner.

### COUNT FIVE

# <u>Negligent Design/Strict Liability for Defective Design – Risk-Benefit Standard - Common law</u>

- 18. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through seventeen of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 19. The Product design was in a defective condition because the benefits of the design did not outweigh the risk inherent in such design.

#### COUNT SIX

# Nepligent Design/Strict Liability for Defective Design — Failure to Incorporate feasible Safety Features - Common law

- Plaintiff bereby incorporates paragraphs one through nineteen of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 21. The Product was defective in design because feasible safety features were not incorporated to prevent foreseeable injuries.

# COUNT SEVEN

# <u>Negligent Manufacture/Strict Liability for Defective Manufacture - Consumer Expectation Standard - Common law</u>

- Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through twenty-one of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 23. The Product was in defective condition (manufacturing defect) because it was more dangerous than an ordinary consumer would expect when used in an intended or reasonably foresecable manner.

#### COUNT EIGHT

#### Negligent Failure to Warn - Common law

- 24. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through twenty-three of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 25. The Defendant knew or should have known, in the exercise of reasonable care, of the risk or hazard relating to the Product.
- 26. The Defendant failed to warn and/or failed to take precautions that a reasonable person would have taken in presenting the Product to the Insured and/or after the Defendant became aware of the risk or hazard relating to the Product.

#### COUNT NINE

#### Strict Liability for Failure to Warn - Common law

- 27. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through twenty-six of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 28. The Product became unreasonably dangerous and defective as a result of the lack of an adequate warning on the part of the Defendant, thus making the Defendant strictly liable.

#### COUNT TEN

#### Implied Warranty in Tort/Strict Liability in Tort - Common law

- 29. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through twenty-eight of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 30. The Defendant breached its implied representation to the Insured that the Product was of good and merchantable quality, fit and safe for its ordinary intended use.
- The Product was not of good and merchantable quality, fit and safe for its ordinary intended use.

#### COUNT ELEVEN

#### Breach of Express Warranty

- 32. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through thirty-one of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 33. Defendant made certain express warranties which were relied upon by the Insured, the Defendant's breach of which directly and proximately caused the damages described above. Copies of any applicable written warranties are not currently in the possession of the Plaintiff, however, they are believed to already be in the possession of the Defendant.

#### COUNT TWELVE

### Liability of Manufacturer, Ohio Revised Code § 2307.73 (A)(1)

- 34. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs one through thirty-three of this Complaint as if fully restated herein.
- 35. Defendant, Ford, was the "Manufacturer" of the subject Product as defined in Ohio Revised Code § 2307.71(I) which defines a "Manufacturer as "a person engaged in a business to design, formulate, produce, create, make, construct, assemble, or rebuild a product or a component of a product".

- 36. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 2307.73 (A)(1), a Manufacturer is subject to liability for compensatory damages based on a product liability claim when the product in question was defective in manufacture or construction as described in section 2307.74 of the Revised Code, was defective in design or formulation as described in section 2307.75 of the Revised Code, was defective due to inadequate warning or instruction as described in section 2307.76 of the Revised Code, or was defective because it did not conform to a representation made by its manufacturer as described in section 2307.77 of the Revised Code.
- 37. The Product in question was, in fact, defective in manufacture or construction as described in section 2307.74 of the Revised Code, was defective in design or formulation as described in section 2307.75 of the Revised Code, was defective due to inadequate warning or instruction as described in section 2307.76 of the Revised Code, or was defective because it did not conform to a representation made by its manufacturer as described in section 2307.77 of the Revised Code.

38. As a direct and proximate result of one or more of the above described failures and/or defective and dangerous conditions, Plaintiff and/or its Insured were damaged as set forth above and the Defendant is strictly liable to Plaintiff and/or is liable to Plaintiff for its negligence.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff,

demands judgment against

Defendant in the amount of \$17,753.00, plus costs and interest.

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BY:

Alessandro Sabatino, Jr. (0062406)

Attorney for Plaintiff

471 East Broad Street, 12th Floor

P.O. Box 15069

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# Churchwell Fire Consultants, Inc.

May 29, 2002

Ms. Arry Hamilton Grange Insurance Company P.O. Box 945 Findley, OH 45839

Re: Final Report

Vehicle Fire Analysis 1999 Ford Explorer

insured:

Site Location: Mike Pruitt's Ford

1360 Greely Chapel Road, Lima, OH

Client Claim No.

CFC File No. 02170

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

Pursuant to your request of May 2, 2002, Churchwell Fire Consultants, Inc. has analyzed the above-captioned fire which occurred on April 27, 2002 and was reported to the Bath Township Fire Department at 11:31 a.m.

The vehicle examination was conducted on May 6, 2002 by Brian J. Churchwell, E.E.

#### **VEHICLE**

The vehicle in question was a 1999, blue in color, four-door Ford Explorer with a vehicle identification number of 1FMZU34EXXU The vehicle was purchased from Statewide Ford and Mercury in Kenton, OH (Figure 1). At the time of the fire the vehicle registered 28,751 miles.

#### **EXTERIOR**

Figures 2 through 5 are respective exterior views of the front, rear, driver's, and passenger's sides of the vehicle. The examination of the exterior of the vehicle obviously indicated that a fire occurred within the engine compartment of the vehicle that having been exhibited by a significant amount of heat and open flame combustion present within

the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment as well as a quantity of heat damage present on the upper right-hand portion of the hood.

Figure 6 specifically illustrates the manufacturing tag for the vehicle indicating that the vehicle was manufactured by Ford Motor Co. in USA on 11/98.

#### INTERIOR

Figures 7 through 11 are general views of the interior cargo and seating area illustrated from the rear of the vehicle to the front of the vehicle. The interior cargo and seating area was primarily undamaged by the fire in question as the fire did not burn with sufficient intensity and duration to extend from the engine compartment into the seating and cargo area of the vehicle in question.

Figures 12 through 15 are specific views of the dashboard and footwell area in which the main wiring enters the interior of the vehicle. The dashboard and footwell were primarily undamaged by the fire in question and were, therefore, determined to have been unassociated with the fire origin/cause.

Figures 16 through 19 are specific views of the hood over the engine compartment. The hood exhibits a distinct pattern of heat and open flame combustion damage to the upper right-hand portion of the hood which is consistent with a significant amount of heat having been present within the aforementioned area.

Figure 20 flustrates the front driver's side wheel well which was located directly below the area in which a significant amount of heat and open flame combustion was present.

#### ORIGIN

Figures 21 through 26 are general to specific views of the engine compartment origin area. A specific amount of heat damage was present within the upper right-hand side of the engine compartment. Figures 25 and 26 illustrate the fiberglass insulation which was located on the underside of the hood. The white portion of the insulation illustrates an area in which a higher level of heat was present. This area is located directly above the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment which was identified as the origin area.

Figures 27 and 28 are specific views of the upper right-hand side of the engine compartment which was determined to have been the specific origin area. This portion of the engine compartment was heavily damaged from exposure to heat and open flame

combustion and this damage was consistent with the damage present on the hood directly above. Therefore, the examination of the fire damage and burn patterns clearly indicated that the fire originated within the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment.

#### CAUSE

Figures 29 through 31 are specific views of the battery and the battery terminals for the vehicle in question. The battery was moderately damaged from exposure to heat which migrated across the top of the battery from the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment in which the fire was determined to have originated. The terminals for the battery remained intact and did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure. The battery and battery terminals were, therefore, eliminated as having been associated with the cause of the fire. The battery remained energized at the time of the fire scene examination.

Figures 32 and 33 specifically illustrate a main wiring harness which traveled through the previously identified origin area. The main wiring harness carried multiple wires of varying gauge through the origin area to various electrical components. The wiring within the harness did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure, therefore, the wiring within the harness traveling through the origin area was eliminated as having been associated with the cause of the fire.

### INSURED INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The following information was acquired during the course of an informal interview of the insured, Dennis Mullins:

- Durchased the vehicle on June 2, 2000 from Statewide Ford in Kenton, OH. Statewide has since gone out of business and opened a subsequent dealership in Van Wert. The vehicle registered 22,000 miles at the time of purchase. The vehicle had been previously used as a lease vehicle for the Statewide Ford Dealership. At the time of the fire, the vehicle registered 28,751 miles.
- purchased an extended warrantee which covers three years or 75,000 miles. During the time that the second has owned the vehicle, he has not experienced any problems. The vehicle has not been in for any major service.
- typically changes the oil in the vehicle himself at approximately every 3,000 miles. Outside of changing the oil, the vehicle has not performed any other service to the vehicle.

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- 4. On the day of the fire, both he and his wife were driving separate vehicles to a bank. He was driving his vehicle and his wife was driving the vehicle in question. The vehicle in question is driven mostly on long trips or on days of bad weather.
- 5. The fire occurred on a Saturday. Indicated that he drove the vehicle the day prior to the fire and did not notice any problems with the vehicle. It takes approximately 20-25 minutes to get to the bank from their home. His wife pulled into the bank and shut the vehicle off. At that time she noticed smoke coming from the hood from the area directly in front of the driver's side. Flames immediately followed the smoke.
- 6. He then sprayed a fire extinguisher up the front driver's wheel well and initially put the fire out. A few seconds later the fire flared back up and the fire department arrived, pulled the hood up, and applied water subsequently extinguishing the fire.
- 7. Ford (where the vehicle was located) believed the cause of the fire may have been caused by a bad condenser sensor as they have replaced those in the past on this vehicle.

#### CAUSE (CONTINUED)

Figures 34 through 36 specifically illustrate the high voltage coil pack which was located adjacent to the origin area. The high voltage coil pack serves as the ignition switch for the engine block. The coil pack has six connectors, all of which remained largely intact and did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure. **Exhibit any indicated** that he has never experienced any problems with the ignition system of the vehicle. The lines which fed the coil pack remained intact and did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure. The coil pack did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure. Further, the coil pack exhibited uniform heat damage which is consistent with an external fire attacking the coil pack and causing the heat and open flame combustion damage. As no localized heat was present and no electrical failure was found, the coil pack was eliminated as having been associated with the cause of the fire.

Figures 37 through 41 specifically illustrate a condenser sensor which is mounted on the side of the engine block. The condenser sensor has a hose coming in and going out of the sensor. The sensor tests the pressure of the exhaust in the hose. The contacts for the condenser sensor remained intact and did not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure. Further, the back side of the condenser sensor was a soft foam material and remained

largely undamaged. If the condenser sensor had failed and caused the fire, the condenser sensor would have been heavily damaged from exposure to heat and open flame combustion. Specifically, the soft foam padding on the back of the condenser sensor would not have remained intact as the heat generated by the failure of the sensor would have been sufficient to melt the foam padding. All of the damage present to the condenser sensor is consistent with an external fire attacking and implinging onto the condenser sensor. As the sensor does not exhibit damage which is consistent with it being associated with the cause of the fire and further does not exhibit any evidence of electrical failure, the condenser sensor was eliminated as having been associated with the cause of the fire.

The only other potential source of ignition located within the origin area was a fuel line. The other components located within the origin area consisted of various component housings, shock housings, steel members, and other items which could not have been associated with the cause of the fire. The fuel line is illustrated in Figures 42 through 48. A flexible fuel line hose runs within the immediate center of the origin area. The hose bends in a downward direction and connects to a small tube. At the point of this bending, a distinct amount of heat was found to have been present on the fuel line indicated by the presence of a white material on the fuel line. This white material indicates that this portion of the fuel line suffered a more significant amount of heat and open flame combustion than the remainder of the flexible fuel line.

If a fuel line were to leak, it would apray a quantity of gasoline throughout the Interior of the engine compartment. Any quantity of gasoline which was sprayed onto the hot portions of the engine block would subsequently be ignited and the fire would then track back toward the source of fuel being leaked from the fuel line. The information provided by the owner of the vehicle indicated that flames were coming from the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment until a fire extinguisher was shot into the wheel well. The fire extinguisher put out the fire initially, however, a few seconds later the flames shot back up. This is consistent with a continuous flow of gasoline from the gasoline which was left in the fuel lines after the vehicle was turned off. A hole in the gas line would allow the remaining fuel to spray out and subsequent to the initial fire being put out the continuous spray of the gasoline would ignite again when coming into contact with a hot material. Leaking fuel from a fuel line igniting on hot components of the engine compartment is the only remaining ignition source which could not be eliminated.

The examination of the fire damage and burn patterns clearly indicated that the fire was caused by the ignition of leaking gasoline from a flexible fuel line within the origin area which was ignited upon contact with hot components of the engine compartment.

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#### RECALL INFORMATION

Attached within the addendum section of this report are the five recalls on a 1999 Ford Explorer. All of the recalls which were present on the 1999 Ford Explorer were associated with mechanical failures of some kind. None of the failures were associated with any type of fuel leak or other source of ignition which would result in a fire.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Attached within the addendum section of this report is a copy of the Bath Township Fire Department Incident Report regarding the fire in question. According to the report, the origin of the fire was listed as "engine area, running," the form of heat ignition was listed as "undetermined," the form of material ignited was listed as "undetermined," the equipment involved in Ignition was listed as "none," and the Ignition factor was listed as "cause undetermined after investigation."

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

It is the opinion of Churchwell Fire Consultants, Inc. regarding the April 27, 2002 fire which occurred to the 1999 Ford Explorer, that:

- The fire originated within the upper right-hand portion of the engine compartment.
- The cause of the fire was determined to have been the ignition of gasoline which was leaking from a flexible fuel line and came into contact with hot components of the engine compartment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for giving Churchwell Fire Consultants, Inc. the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Report Prepared By:

Brian J. Churchwell Electrical Engineer Ohio License No. 3008

**BJC/JPC:hrb** 

Report Reviewed By:

James P. Churchwell, CFEI, CPII

Ohio License No. 3008

Figure 1: View of where the vehicle was purchased from



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Figures 2-5: Exterior views of the front, rear, driver's and passenger's sides of the vehicle

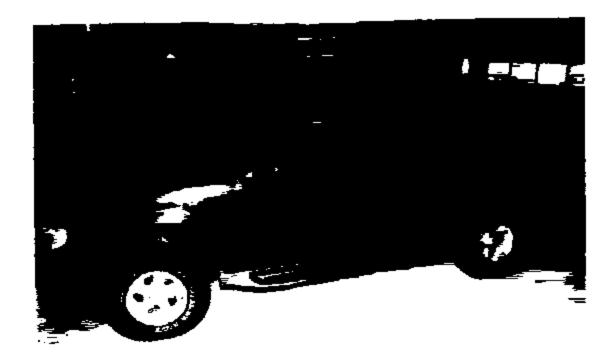


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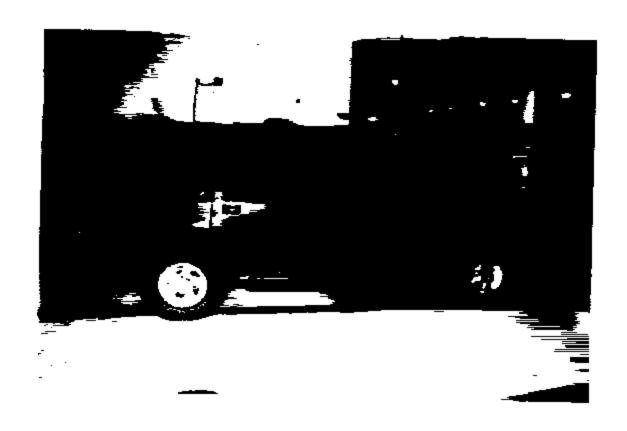
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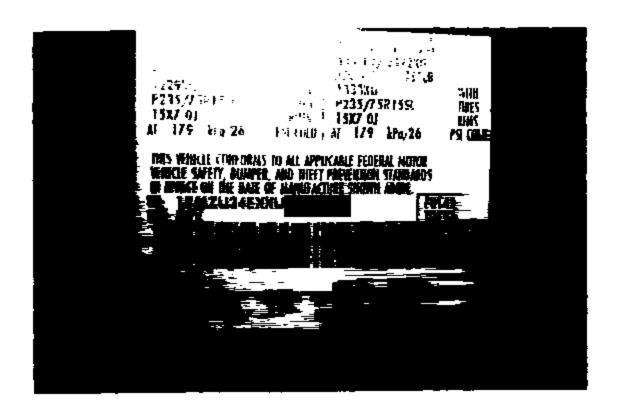
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Figure 6: Specifically illustrates the manufacturing tag for the vehicle



Figures 7-11: General views of the interior cargo and seating area illustrated from the rear of the vehicle to the front of the vehicle

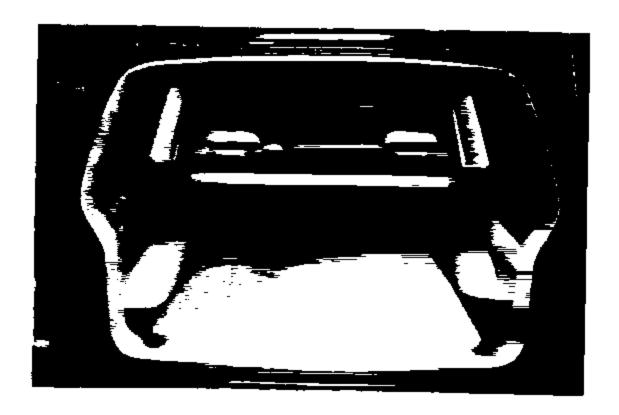


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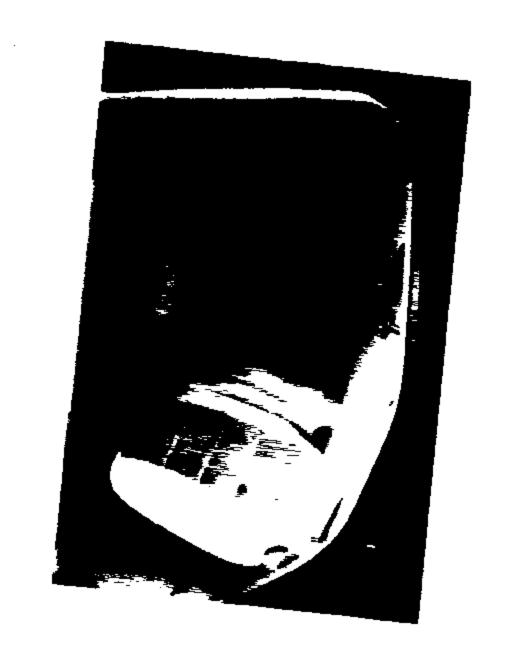


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Figures 12-15: Specific views of the dashboard and footwell



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Figures 16-19: Specific views of the hood over the engine compartment



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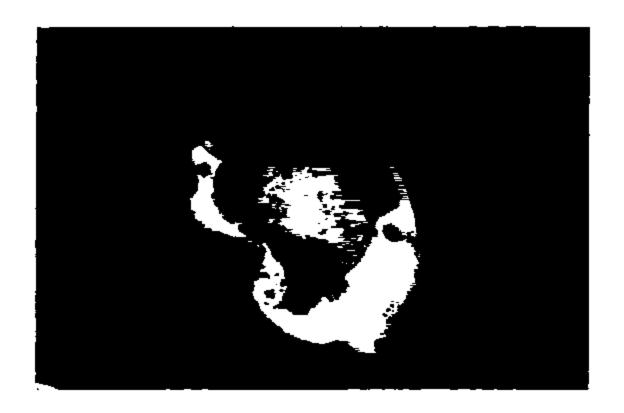
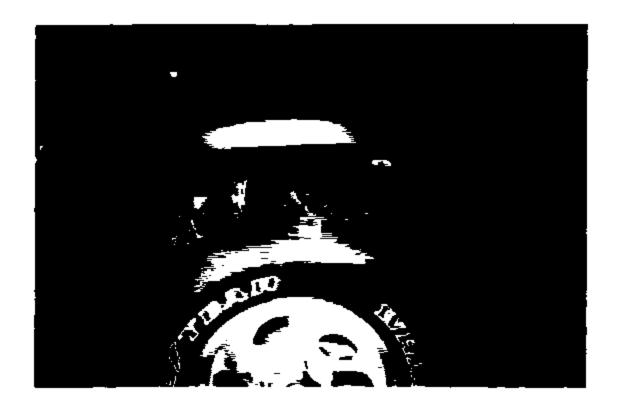


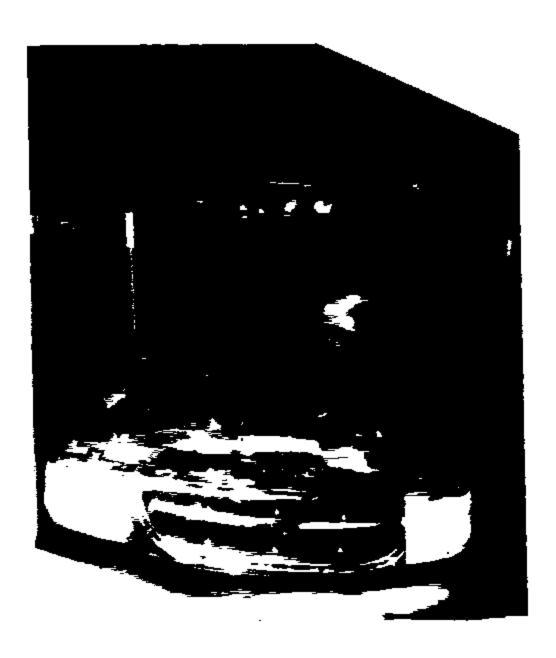
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Figure 20: Illustrates the front driver's side wheel well



Figures 21-26: General to specific views of the engine compartment origin area



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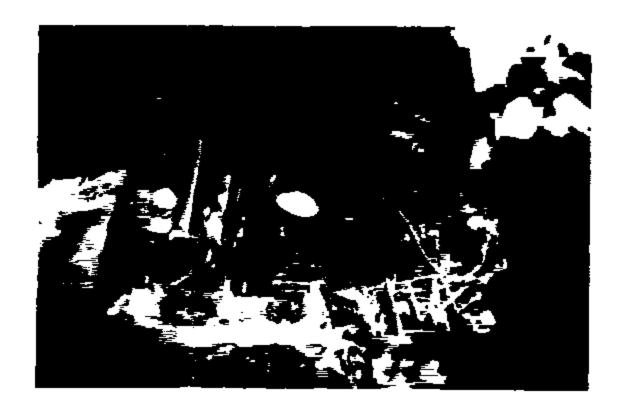


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Figures 27-28: Specific views of the upper right-hand side of the engine compartment which was determined to have been the specific origin area



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Figures 29-31: Specific views of the battery and the battery terminals for the vehicle in question



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Figure 31



Figures 32-33: Specifically illustrate a main wiring harness which traveled through the previously identified origin area



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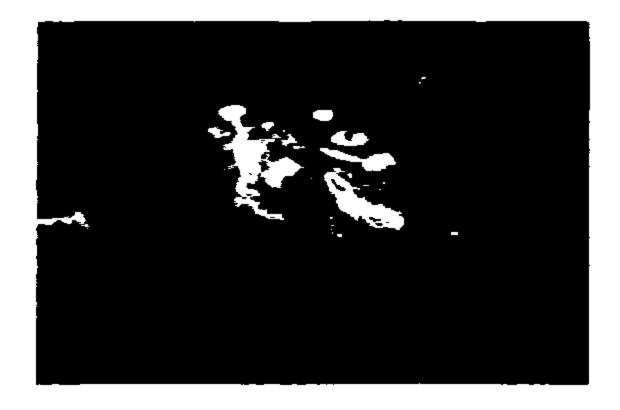
Figures 34-36: Specifically illustrate the high voltage colf pack which was located adjacent to the origin area



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Figures 37-41: Specifically illustrate a condenser sensor which is mounted on the side of the engine block



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Figures 42-46: Views of the fuel line



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03/30/05

Ford Motor Corporation Consumer Affair Dept P.O. Box 6248 MD 3 NE B Deerborne, Mi 48126

Our Claim#: Our Insured

Date of Loss: 03/18/05

Vehicle: 1998 Ford Explorer

VIN#: 1FMZU34E6WU

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is advise your company that GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY will be investigating further to determine the cause of the fire on this vehicle.

This letter is our notice to you that should it be determined that the cause of fire was caused by a manufacturer's defect; we will be pursuing your company for the damages that were incurred on this claim.

If you should wish to have one of your representatives inspect this vehicle it is located at: Manheim's Auto Auction

401 S 50<sup>th</sup> Street Tampa, FL 33619 Ph# (813)247-1666

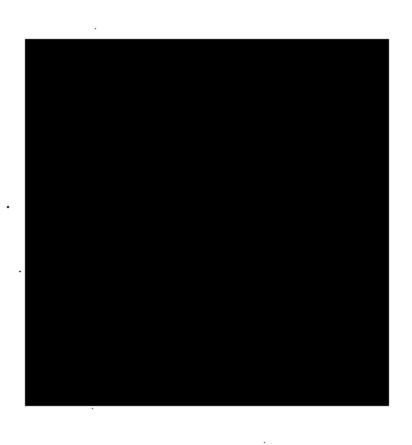
Please reference their stock# 0490031 when calling about the vehicle.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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Claims Adjuster 800 648 2493 ext 4447



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#### FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA.

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Involuntary Plaintiff,

NO. CV 400 U224U

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

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Defendant.

## COMPLAINT FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PRODUCTS LIABILITY AND SUBROGATION

Plaintiff states:

- Plaintiff insurer is a duly licensed insurance company authorized to do business in the
   State of New Mexico, with its principle place for claims handling in Bernelillo County, and all other parties to this action are residents of New Mexico or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 2. On or about July 11, 2002, at the latest the New Mexico, a 1995 Ford Econoline F-150 Van owned by Involuntary Plaintiff started on fire. Defendant Ford Motor Company negligently manufactured the 1995 Ford Econoline F-150. The fire resulted in payment of insurance benefits for property damage for which Plaintiff FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA claims subrogation rights, and Involuntary Plaintiff was required to pay the deductible for damage to his property, for which they now sue.
- 3. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Ford Motor Company was in the business of manufacturing, selling and distributing into commerce in the state of New Mexico the 1995 Ford Econoline F-150 which is the subject of this action. Upon information and belief, a direct and proximate cause of the incident which resulted in the fire was Defendant Ford Motor Company's production of the 1995 Ford Econoline F-150, in a defective condition or unreasonably dangerous for

the use for which it was intended. Involuntary Plaintiff was unaware of the Ford Econoline F-150's defect as alleged in this complaint. It was foreseeable to Defendant Ford Motor Company that individuals such as Involuntary Plaintiff would utilize the 1995 Ford Econoline F-150. Involuntary Plaintiff used the Ford Econoline F-150 in a manner, which could have been reasonably foreseen. In the alternative, Defendant Ford Motor Company knew or should have known that the Ford Econoline F-150 was defective and not merchantable or fit for the particular purpose for which it was intended.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona prays that it be awarded judgment against the Defendant Ford Motor Company, in an amount to be proved at trial, plus the costs of this action, and such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. Involuntary Plaintiff

also requests to be reimbursed his deductible.

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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANTA FE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

## FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA,

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### FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

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# PLAINTIFFS' COURT ANNEXED CERTIFICATION

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I certify I attached a copy of this certification to the Complaint for service upon Defendant. (LR2-603)

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Areon Marrative:

At approximately 0945 hours on July 11, 2003, the San Juan County Communications Center received a 911 call reporting a structure fire at . At approximately 8945 hours, Engine Companies 2 and 5, Ladder 1, Rescue 2 and Betalion 1 were dispatched. Engine 2, under the command of Acting Captain Terry Page arrived on scene at approximately 4949 and reported a passenger wan on fire under a carport part to a mobile home.

According to Acting Captain Tarry Page, Engine Company 2 pulled am 1 3/4 inch attack line and extinguished the fire. Other units arrived on scene and assisted by checking for extension of the fire into the mobile home. We extension was found inside or underneath the structure. Medics arrived on scene and checked the occupant of the home for possible wacks inhalation. Engine Company 2 set up a PPV and horizontally ventilated smoke from the residence. According to Acting Captein Page, the fire appeared to have started under the hood and was spreading into the engine compariment when he arrived on scene. Engine Cojmpany 2 had to break the passenger window to gain access into the cab of the vehicle.

I arrived on scame at approximately 1000 hours. The fire had been extinguished upon my strival. I was briefed by Acting Captain Yerry Page who informed am that there had been no extension of the fire into the mobile home. The vinyl siding on the mobile home had started to distort from the heat and the paint on the carport had been burned off and was covered in scot. The skirting had started to malt next to the van.

Information gained from an interview with the owner of the van, indicated that the van had not been driven for a period of 5 days since 7/06/2002. The van is a 1995 Ford Sconoline 150, factory conversion van. Luxury Dasigner Series, H.M. license # Market VIN 19101114H780 indicated that the appressive quard dogs located in a large pen adjoining the carport had been barking but not in the manner that they normally do when someone approaches the property. There are security cameras that monitor the area where the van was located but there is no video tape used with this system. There are T.V. somitors is the mobile boso that continuously display a view of the area. When the dogs move around in the pen it causes a beeping sound inside the mobile home and this occurred when the dogs started to move around but at no time did observe anyone on the monitors. Shortly after the dogs started to bark and move around, was on the phone with her eister in Astec and smelled smoke. looked outside and saw the van on fire and told her sister on the phone. State of the word fire and loosing contact with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the word with the sister having heard on fire.

I began my investigation with an examination of the area around the van. There was debris from the van on the ground around the van from the fire. The windshield had broken out from the fire. The passenger front window was broken out and glass lay on the ground by the passenger side of the van. The passenger front side window had been broken out by fire suppression crews to gain access to the van. The carport was covered with heavy soot. The winyl miding had started to make on the mobile home next to the wan. The remainder of the bood had been pulled off by suppression craws and the debris from the pieces of bood and insulation undermeath the bood were on the ground in front of the van. There were pieces of rubber hoses and belts that had been burned off by the fire underneath the wan. There were spletters of aluminum that had malted due to the fateurs heat of the fire under the hood. The fire patterns on the sides of the van were comparable on each side of the van starting at the lower front corners of the hody and proceeding in an upward pattern toward the top of the van. I absolute under the van and all around it and may no visible evidence of an incendiary device or container of any type.

I next examined the inside of the cab of the van. The fire had gotten into the cab of the van when the windshield failed in the fire. The dash had started to malt and the overhead console was waited with electrical wires hanging down. The interior of the van was covered with most and the front portion sustained heavy beat damage.

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I next examined the engine compartment. All the plastic and subbar components under the hood with the exception of the lower radiator hose had either been burned away or resited. The tips of the fan blades on the passenger side had melted off. The first had broken through the firswall on the passenger side of the angine compartment. All the insulation on the wiring under the hood had melted off. The insulation on the wiring harness had been burned off from the bettery to up under the dash. There had been a battery booster module next to the battery and it was completely burned away with the wire connections hanging. Mr. Meill indicated that the swith for activating this booster had been off and the van was not plugged into any house current at the time of the fire. There were two small eletrical motors on the ground that appeared to be possibly windshield washer and or electric mirror motors.

It is the opinion of this investigator that this fire was accidental in nature. The ground undermeath and around the van did not show signs of fuel or oil leaks. I cannot rule out an electrical malfunction as the cause of this fire. However, without lab tests of electrical components an electrical cause cannot be determined. The exact cause of this fire is undetermined.

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#### **INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

#### PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

DATE:

July 17, 2002

CASE NUMBER:

020799

CLAIM NUMBER:

SUBJECT:

1995 Ford Beonofine F-150 Van

VIN #IFDEE14H78H

Date of Manufacture 4/95

ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Warren Rogers

Fermers Insurance Group

P.O. Box 1558

Farmington, New Mexico 87499

OCCUPANTS:

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Pine Loss

DAY, DATE & TIME:

Thursday, July 11, 2002, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION:

Parasington, NM

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INVESTIGATOR: Dog Naylor

ASSIGNMENT:

Received assignment on Friday, July 12, 2002, from Warren Rogers

to investigate the cause and origin of this fire.

ENCLOSURES:

Farmington Fire Department Incident and Investigative Report

Photo Army

#### WITNESS LIST:

Vehicle Owner. Telephone Vehicle examination. He advised that the vehicle land approximately 75, 000. to 85,000, miles on the odometer. He advised that they had experienced no problems with the vehicle and that it was purchased new. It is advised that they had the van had been purked for five days, prior to the fire's occurrence. No one had started or driven the vehicle in that period of time.

Harb Venzey: City Fire Department Support Services Chief. Telephone (505) 599-1437. Mr. Venzey conducted a fire cause and origin investigation of this fire loss. His and the Parmington Fire Department incident report is enclosed.

#### FIRE DAMAGED VEHICLE EXAMINATION:

On Monday, July 15, 2002, the fire damaged vehicle was examined at the owner's residence at 4018 B. Main Street, Farmington, New Mexico. An exterior examination of the 1995 Ford Econoline F-150 Van indicated fire demage at the engine compartment location, refer to photos #1, 2 and 3. An examination of the passenger compartment indicated that fire progressed from the engine compartment cousing upper level fire demage within the passenger compartment, refer to photos #4 and 5. Examination of the engine competenent indicated the most intense burning persured on the driver's side engine compartment area, refer to photos #6 and 7. It was noted that fire change was less to the fire progressed from the driver's side towards the passenger side within the engine compartment, refer to photos #7 and \$. Indications were that the most intense burning and heat patterns were located at the location of the battery and battery power system. control module, refer to photos #9 and 10. Indications were that the power system control module was constanted by the fire. There was no evidence of any remains unless they were in the melted plastic, located directly below, refer to photo #10. A potrer cubic, indicating to be a component of the power system control module, indicated that it had been subjected to an intense heating condition, refer to photo #11. The cable was placed in a plattic evidence beg and secured to the wiring humess, so that it would not be misplaced, refer to chotos #11 and 12. During the examination, there was no indication of a find examed fire. Indications are that the fire originated

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after the vehicle had been parked for five days. The vehicle manufacturer's label number, located on the driver's side door, was photographed. The vehicle "VIN" number is 1FDEE14R17SH date of manufacture 4 / 95, refer to photo #13. The van had been parked in a carport, located along side of a double wide mobile home. Examination of the carport and mobile home indicated minor five damage to the carport, refer to photos #14 and 15. Photographs taken during the five damaged vehicle examination appear in the phototory section of this report.

#### CONCLUSION:

Based on the burned vehicle examination and information provided, it is concluded that this fire originated in the driver's side engine compartment of the 1995 Ford Yan. Information is that the vehicle had not been started or driven in five days. Examination of the area of fire origin indicated to obvious failure or malfunction, although the bettery power system control module indicated to be totally consumed, as a result of the fire. It is concluded that the fire was electrically caused and most likely involved the power system control module.—A non-destructive examination was conducted to allow representatives of Ford Motor Company and or Van Conversion Company an opportunity to examine the vehicle prior to any destructive examination. It is recommended, that should a destructive examination be necessary that DNI investigators and or Farmers insurance Company representatives be present during such examination. There was no indication of an intentional fire cause or any other area of fire origin.

Respectfully,

Livestigator

SAMPLES AND OR EVIDENCE, IN DON NAYLOR'S POSSESSION, WILL BE RETAINED

FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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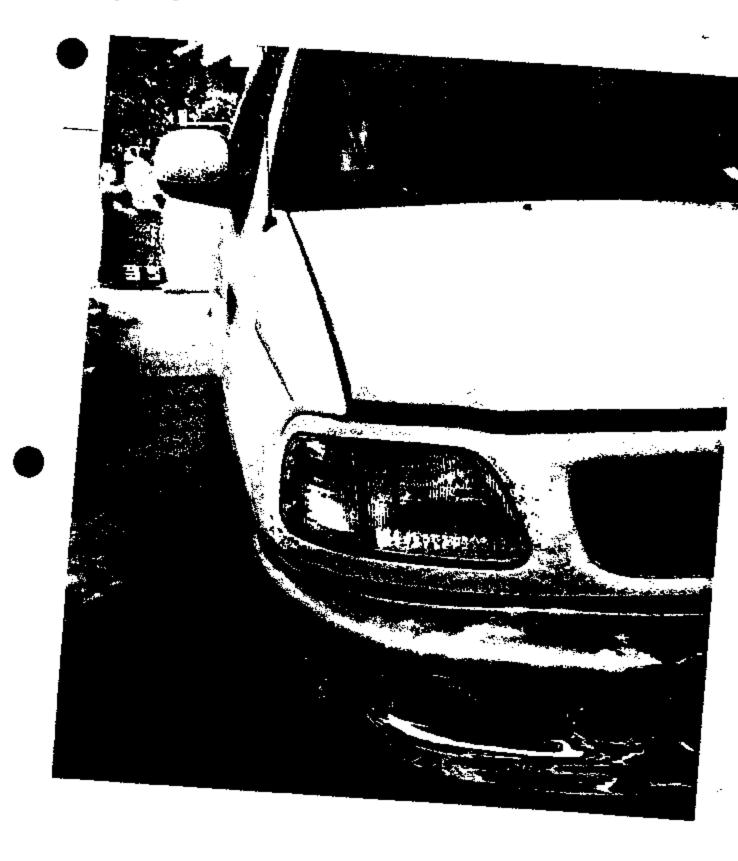
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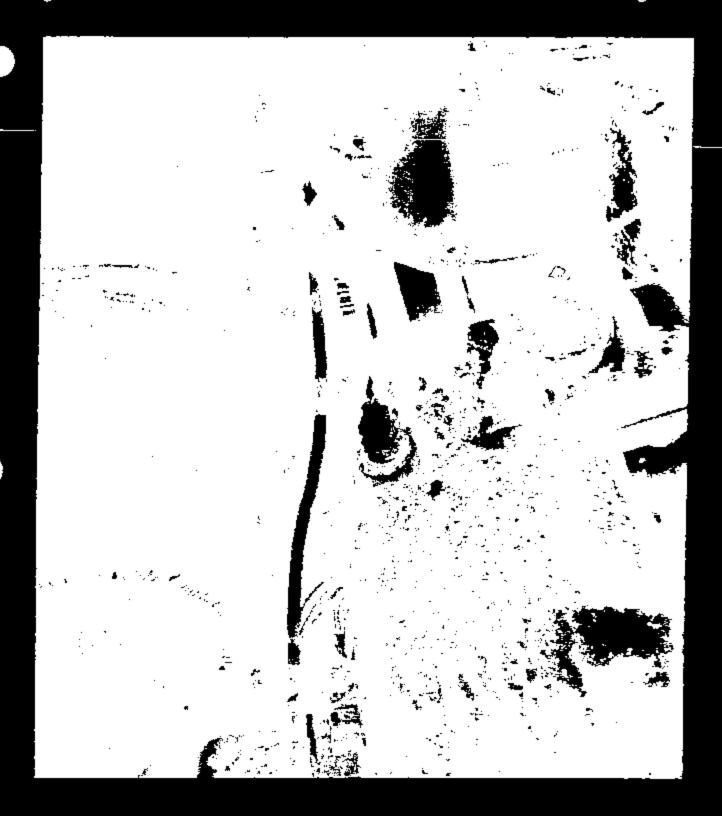
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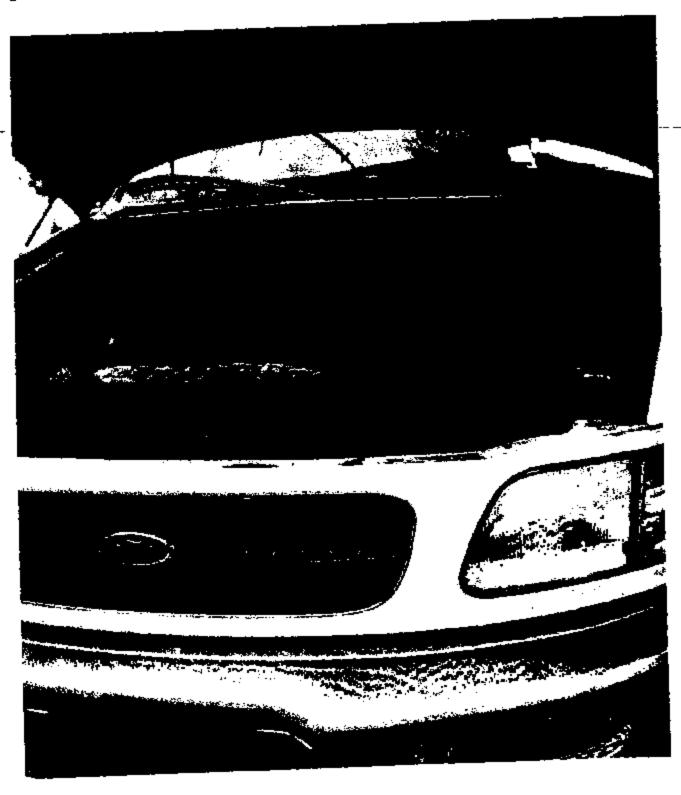
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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GREER COUNTY

#### STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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	Plaintiff,	•
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FORD MOT	OR COMPANY,	
	Defendant.	• •

#### PETITION

- 1. Plaintiff is an insurance company licensed to business in the State of Oklahoma; defendant Ford Motor Company is a foreign corporation that may be served through its registered service agent, The Corporation Company, Inc. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; this cause of action arose in Greer County, Oklahoma; and, therefore, this court has subject matter jurisdiction and jurisdiction over the parties.
- On June 7, 1998, on a public roadway called Byers at or near Taft in Mangum, 2, Oklahoma, a 1995 Ford F350 Pickup owned by stalled, caught fire and burned as a result of defects in the design and/or manufacture of said vehicle by defendant. As a result, said vehicle was damaged and destroyed.
- Because it designed, manufactured, marketed and sold the 1995 Ford F350 Pickup, defendant knew or should have known of the defective and unreasonably dangerous condition(s) in said vehicle. However, defendant gave no warnings to about the fire dangers associated with the defects in said vehicle.
  - At the time of the incident, the said vehicle was being used by in a manner and 4.

for a purposed reasonably anticiapted and forseeable by the defendant. Therefore, defendant has breached warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular use.

- 5. Prior to June 7, 1998, plaintiff had issue a policy of insurance to accovering the said 1995 Ford F350 pickup and, as a result of its policy, was required to pay its insured, the sam of \$24,286.33 for his said damages and losses
- By virtue of its rights of subrogation, equitable and legal, plaintiff is entitled to judgment against the defendant.

Wherefore, plaintiff demands judgment against defendant for the sum of \$24,286.33, interest, and costs including reasonable attorney fees.

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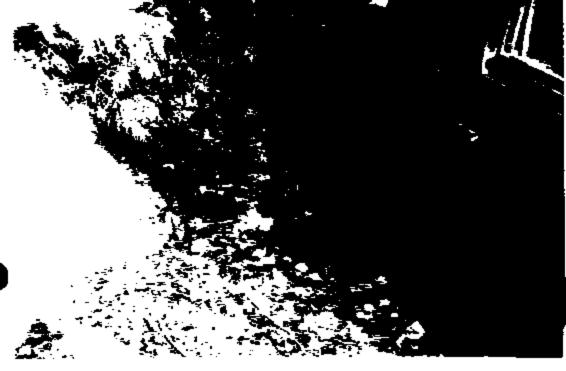
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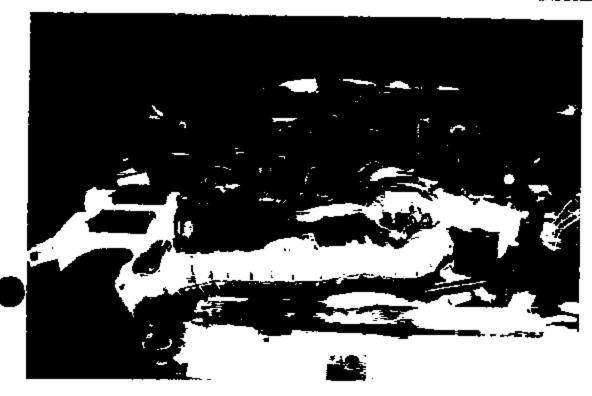


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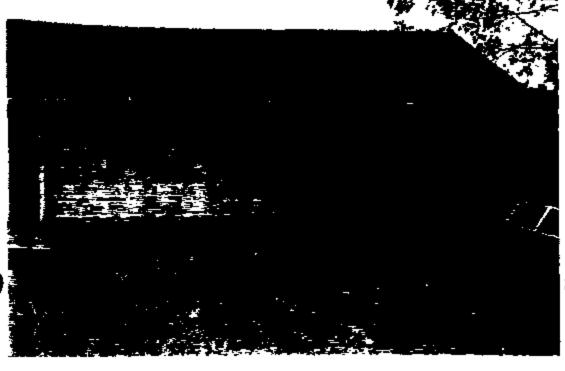
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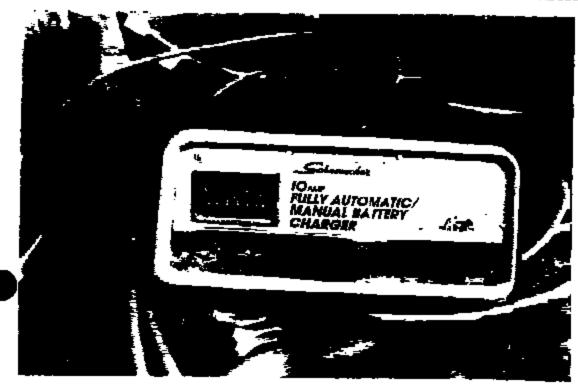


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#### **ASSIGNMENT**

This assignment was received on November 1, 2000 and my vehicle examination commenced on November 2, 2000. My instructions were to conduct an origin and cause examination and contact local fire officials.

#### **ENCLOSURES**

- Vehicle Examination Report
- 2. 32 photographs
- 3. Fire Department Incident Report
- All negatives

#### VEHICLE EXAMINATION

My examination of this vehicle took place at the insured's friend's house at South, Lakeville, Indiana. This vehicle is a 1999 Ford Ranger, blue in color, VIN IFTZR15V1XF There)was no liceuse plate affixed to the vehicle.

As I viewed the exterior of the vehicle, it was readily apparent that a fire had occurred on the interior. The roof displayed the heaviest fire damage with the paint blistered and the metal discolored. A small center portion of the hood near the windshield displayed paint blistering where the fire spread through openings in the fire wall. All four tires were inflated and in serviceable condition, although they were of two different tread designs.

The engine appeared to be undamaged by the fire with the exception of smoke staining to the rear portion. The battery cables had been out by firefighters during fire suppression efforts.

I then began an interior examination and noted that the upholstered seats and headliner were partially melted. The driver's window was intact and displayed signs of severe smoke staining. The passenger's window, windshield, and rear window were smoke stained and broken from the intense heat. The heaviest area of fire damage noted was to the center of the dash, where a main wiring harness was located. Inspection of the wiring showed no visual signs of areing or heading. Due to the melted plustic from the dash, I was unable to inspect all of the electrical wiring in the dash at this time.

Through my vehicle examination, I could determine that this fire had its inception on the interior at the center of the dash area.

#### INVESTIGATION

According to the insured, the vehicle is being leased from Jordon Ford, Mishawaka, In. He apparently received a recall notice for a faulty "Multi Function Switch" and was in the process of making arrangements for the repair. According to Mr. Norris, the recall number is 00B40, although I was unable to obtain any information regarding this recall. He further stated that the vehicle's battery would drain if it sat for a few days. To keep the battery charged, he was using a 10AMP "Schumacher" charger when the fire occurred. The charger was fed by an extension cord and energized by an outlet in the detached garage at his residence. I inspected the charger and extension cord and found them both undamaged by the fire.

As related by the hearing he arrived home from work at 4:00pm the night before the fire and turned the charger on later in the evening. He was awakened by the hom blowing and noticed smoke coming from the truck. Amazently, a neighbor also heard the hom, noticed the smoke, and called 911. According to the time of the fire.

According to North Liberty Volunteer Fire Department Chief, John Gouker, they received a 911 call reference the fire at 5:37am. They arrived to find a smoldering fire on the interior of the vehicle. Chief Gouker indicated that they believe the fire to be accidental in nature, and the result of an electrical "short" under the dash. Mr. Gouker can be contacted at 219-656-3613.

#### PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

In my opinion, this fire originated in the center dash area near a main wiring harness. Due to extensive burning and melting in this area, I am unable to determine an exact point of origin. I am however, of the opinion that the slow drain on the battery was a factor in the fire's cause. A more extensive and thorough inspection by an electrical expert would be beneficial in determining the exact origin and cause.

#### <u>COMMENTS</u>

As instructed, this file will be held in open status pending notification of the manufacturer. According to Kevin Swartz, P.D.A., the vehicle has been moved to Central Auto Pool, South Bend, In., for safe keeping. If you should have any questions regarding this file, please contact me at 219-273-6034.

Richard Fogle, CFEI

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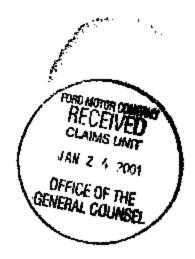
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RE:

Company Name:

Claim Number: Date of Loss:

Insured Name:

National General Assurance Company

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Dear Str or Madam:

We have information that a mechanical failure caused our insured's vehicle to burn.

This is to advise you that we are placing you on notice for the damages to our insured's vehicle totaling \$19,216.94. We still have salvage pending. Enclosed are our supporting documents to date.

Sincerely,

Karen Conder Claims Representative

Phone: 1-800-325-7727 ext 7722

Fax:

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